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Klamath National Forest Will be Burning Hand Piled Dead Vegetation South of County Road A-12

Yreka, CA – The Klamath National Forest will be conducting a prescribed or controlled burn of dead vegetation in various piles on the Goosenest Ranger District starting on Tuesday or Wednesday, January 11th or 12th, 2011 and continuing until conditions become unfavorable or do not meet burning objectives. The piles are located approximately 21 miles southeast of Yreka, south of County Road A-12 on NF lands near the Mt. Shasta Vista Subdivision. This burn is planned to consume hand-piled material from previous fuel treatments to reduce the potential for wildfires threatening residences in the A-12 area. The burn has previously been approved in a plan that defines the conditions necessary to conduct the burns safely, with an extremely low potential for the fire to escape and to minimize smoke impacts to the community.

The following conditions will be met before ignition:

- The vegetation surrounding the piles is moist enough for fire not to spread and is expected to stay in that condition until the ashes are considered cold.
- Site specific weather forecasts from the National Weather Service predict that conditions will stay wet and that there are no strong winds predicted for the duration of the burn.
- A minimum of 2 fire engines and 11 firefighters will be committed to the project until the burn is considered cold.

There may be some impacts from smoke during the burning operations. The burn will be conducted under an approved smoke management plan that defines conditions that mitigate smoke impacts. Smoke may impact roads and residences near the burn area. Residents are advised to stay inside and keep windows closed or leave the area if they are very sensitive to smoke. Anyone driving near the burn area should slow down if there is smoke on the road and watch carefully for firefighters and other vehicles.

For further information, please contact Carl Olson (530-398-5722), or Mike Powell (530-398-5701) on the Goosenest Ranger District.